

STATUS NOTES ON WELFARE SCHEMES MEANT FOR BACKWARD CLASSES FOR SHORT DISCUSSION IN A.P. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL on 24-03-2011.

1. BC WELFARE INTRODUCTION

1.1 Backward Classes Welfare Department

The First step towards amelioration of Backward Classes Welfare was taken-up in Andhra Pradesh in 1968 with the appointment of a Commission to prepare a list of socially and educationally Backward Classes.

On the recommendations made by the said Commission, the Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare was carved out of the Directorate of Social welfare in the year 1975. In addition, Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Co-operative Finance Corporation Limited was formed in the year 1974.

1.2 Mandate of the Department:

To bring the Backward Classes socially, educationally and economically on par with other developed communities and to achieve a just and egalitarian society.

1.3 Goal

The goal of the Department is to ensure better opportunities for the poor people belonging to Backward Classes to utilize educational facilities, to eradicate poverty and eliminate current inequalities that prevent the Backward Classes from realizing their full potential, and thus establishing a just and egalitarian society.

1.4 Policy framework

Article 16 (4) of the Constitution empowers the State Government to make provision for reservation of appointments in favour of any Backward Class of citizens, which in the opinion of the State Government is not adequately represented in the services of the State.

At present, there are 135 communities listed as Backward Classes in A.P. Reservations for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes in Education & Employment is a 29 % of reservation made in favor of the Backward Classes as shown below.

Group (A)	-	7%
Group (B)	-	10%
Group (C)	-	1%
Group (D)	-	7%
* Group (E)	-	4%

* In G.O. Ms. No.23, BCWD, Dt:07-07-2007 added BC - E by including 15 classes of Socially and Educationally Backward Muslims.

Schemes being implemented in the Department:

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- A) Educational and Development (Through Department)
- B) Post Matric Scholarship
Reimbursement of Tuition Fee
- C) Pre-Matric Scholarships to BC Day Scholar students
- D) Training to improve Employable Potential
- E) Economic Support Schemes (BC Corporation)

2. GOVERNMENT BC HOSTELS

There are 1422 Hostels functioning in the State, providing free lodging and boarding to the hostel boarders. 1102 hostels are for Boys which includes 14 Denotified Tribes (Boys) and 320 for Girls.

For the purpose of Social integration, the admission pattern in the Hostels is 76% for BCs, 10% for SCs, 5% for STs, 6% for other Communities and 3% for Minorities.

The sanctioned strength of BC Hostels during 2010-11 is 1,75,586.

- Out of 1422 Hostels, 802 Hostels are located in Government Buildings.
- 137 buildings are under construction and the remaining 483 buildings will be constructed in a phased manner.
- Free boarding and lodging facilities are provided to the boarders.
- An amount of Rs.475/- per month is being paid towards Diet charges for 3rd to 7th Class boarders and Rs.535/- per month is being paid towards diet charges for 8th Class to 10th Classes boarders.
- Materials and Supplies to the boarders - 4 pairs of Uniform, Bed sheets and Carpets and Plate and Glasses and Note Books.

Budget released for last 3 years

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No	Year	No. of Boarders	Budget Provided	Budget Released
1	2009-10	178969	241.57	245.08
2	2010-11	170511	262.10	136.80
3	2011-12		314.89	

3. POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION FEE REIMBURSEMENT FOR B.Cs:

To enable the BC students to pursue higher studies in various courses, Government is implementing the schemes of Post Matric Scholarships and Tuition Fee Reimbursement.

Salient features

- All eligible BC students with in the income ceiling of Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum are sanctioned Post Matric Scholarship and Fee Reimbursement are sanctioned on **Saturation basis**. The Scholarship amount is adjusted to the Bank Account of the student and Tuition Fee is adjusted to the College Bank Account.
- The fee structure and rates of scholarships are being adopted on par with Social Welfare Department (except for Medicine 'B' Category).

- iii. The application, sanction and disbursement of scholarship and fee reimbursement is being done through a computerized system in co-ordination with the Centre for Good Governance and five nodal banks (SBI, SBH, Andhra Bank, Indian Bank and Syndicate Bank) in the State.
- iv. Right from the applying for sanction of Scholarships and Tuition fee Reimbursement by the eligible student, sanction, presentation of bills to the treasury and disbursement of scholarship to student account and reimbursement of tuition fee to college account is being done through **ONLINE**.

Government has issued orders for sanctioning of Post Matric Scholarships and Tuition Fee Reimbursement of pending cases of 2009-10 from out of the budget releases for the year 2010-11.

4 POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION FEE REIMBURSEMENT TO EBCs:

Government vide G.O.Ms.No.547, Dt.12-11-2009 have issued orders transferring the subject "EBC Post-Matric Scholarships including reimbursement of tuition fees" from Higher Education Department to Backward Classes Welfare Department. For the year 2009-10 Government have provided an amount of Rs.350.00 Crore towards Fee Reimbursement and Rs.1.00 Crore towards Post Matric Scholarships to EBC students.

All eligible EBC students within the income ceiling of Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum are sanctioned Post Matric Scholarship and Fee Reimbursement. The Scholarship amount is adjusted to the Bank Account of the student and Tuition Fee is adjusted to the College Bank Account.

(Statement enclosed)

5. BC RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

There are 45 BC Residential Schools in the State (29 for Boys & 16 for Girls).

All the B.C. Residential Schools are kept under the administrative control of Andhra Pradesh Residential Educational Institutions Society, Hyderabad and funded by the Commissioner / Director of Backward Classes Welfare.

Admission pattern in the BC Residential Schools is 70% for BCs, 15% for SCs, 6% for STs, 3% for Disabled, 3% for Ex-service men and 3% for Minorities.

Students will be admitted from 5th class. For the academic year 2010-11 the admitted strength is 15763. Lottery system is adopted for admission.

Budget released for last 3 years

Sl. No	Year	Budget Provided	Budget released	(Rs. in Crores)
				No. of Boarders Admitted
1	2009-10	25.00	25.00	14782
2	2010-11	40.00	20.00	15763
3	2011-12	50.00		

6. AP STUDY CIRCLES FOR BCs

Government sanctioned **(8) eight Study Circles** at (1) Visakhapatnam (2) Rajahmundry (East Godavari) (3) Guntur (4) Ananthapur (5) Kurnool (6) Hyderabad (7) Mahabubnagar (8) Warangal to provide free coaching facilities to eligible unemployed Graduates and Post Graduates among Backward Classes (66), Scheduled Castes (20) and Scheduled Tribes (14) and income ceiling is Rs. 1.00 lakh. These Study Circles are established under Cooperative

Societies Act. Candidates admitted for coaching programs will be provided with free coaching and study material for UPSC, APPSC, SSC, RRB etc.

Further Government vide G.O.Ms.No.40, BCW (C2) Dept, Dt.17-09-2009 have sanctioned **(7) seven new Study Circles** for B.Cs at (1) Vizianagaram (2) Tirupathi (Chittoor) (3) Kadapa (4) Karimnagar (5) Khammam (6) Nizamabad and (7) Adilabad and these have been established from this year onwards.

In addition to the above mentioned regular ongoing coaching programmes, certain new advanced job oriented Training programmes have also been taken up i.e., 1. Computer Animation 2. Medical Transcription 3. Industrial Automation.

Out of (15) Study Circles, (5) Study Circles which are located at Rajahmundry (East Godavari), Kurnool, Ananthapur, Mahabubnagar and Warangal are running in permanent buildings. The remaining (10) Study Circles are functioning in private rented buildings.

During the year 2010 - 2011 an amount of Rs.515.24 lakhs have been allotted by the Government towards the maintenance of (15) Study Circles.

(Rs in

Crores)

Year	Budget allocation	Releases	Expenditure	No. of Beneficiaries
2009-10	5.15	1.62	1.62	2952
2010-11	5.15	2.57	2.57	2069
2011-12	5.15	2.57		

We are contemplating proposals for providing training in all BC Study Circles with the financial assistance of Rajiv Udyoga Sri.

Admission pattern in the BC Study Circles is 66% for BCs, 20% for SCs and 14% for STs.

7. (a) COLLEGE HOSTELS FOR BC GIRLS

In order to promote the education of BC Girls at the Post Matric level, in the year 2005-06, Government has permitted for conversion of 15 Pre Matric Hostels into College Girls Hostels. In addition to the above, Government has issued orders for establishment of 300 college girls hostels approximately @ one for each Assembly Constituency in the year 2008-09.

Admission pattern in the BC College Girls Hostels is 69% for BCs, 15% for SCs, 6% for STs, and 10% for Minorities.

No. of Hostels sanctioned	No. of Hostels started	Strength of the Boarders
315	295	13327

Budget released for last 3 years

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No	Year	Budget Provided	Budget released	No. of Boarders Admitted
1	2009-10	2.25	3.53	11137
2	2010-11	60.00	2.12	13327
3	2011-12	17.00		

7. (b) COLLEGE HOSTELS FOR BC BOYS

Govt. has accorded administrative sanction for opening of 300 College Hostels for Boys in the State @ one in each Assembly

Constituency with sanctioned strength of 100 boarders per Hostel from the year 2010-11. All efforts are being made to start the newly sanctioned hostels at the earliest.

Government in BC Welfare have issued a G.O.Ms. No.16 Dated 2-7-2010 for recruitment of Hostel Welfare Officer's and Class IV staff for functioning of the hostels..Action is being taken.

8. PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS

This is 100% centrally sponsored scheme. Funds received under this scheme are being utilized for sanction of Scholarships to meritorious BC students studying VIII to X class in such institutions which have been duly recognized by the State. Their academic performance in the previous year is taken as the basis for sanction of Pre-Matric Scholarships. It shall be paid for a period of 10 months in an academic year. The scholarship amount is Rs.50/- per month for IX & X class standards and Rs.40/- for VIII standard.

Guidelines for sanction of Scholarships are:

- a) Annual income of the parents should be less than Rs.44, 500/-.
- b) Students who have secured 55% and above marks in VII standard, 60% above in VIII standard and 65% in IX standard shall be eligible to receive scholarships in VIII, IX & X standard respectively.
- c) The student should be a day scholar.
- d) If any two students obtain similar marks, preference shall be given to a girl student.
- e) The scholarship amount will be first distributed to X standard students. After exhausting the eligible students of X standard depending upon the availability of budget to IX standard students will be sanctioned. After exhausting all IX standard students VIII standard students will be considered.

During 2010-11, an amount of Rs.50.00 Crore is proposed to be provided towards sanction of Pre-Matric Scholarships to BC students under centrally sponsored scheme.

**Budget released for last 3 years
(Rs. in Crores)**

Sl. No.	Year	Budget Provided	Budget Released	No. of Beneficiaries
1	2009-10	23.30	3.94	124248
2	2010-11	50.00	1.39	--
3	2011-12	50.00		

9. CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTEL BUILDINGS

Construction of Hostel buildings is taken up with CSS grants and matching State share. Since 1999-2000, 193 buildings have been sanctioned. Out of these 83 are already completed.

Out of the 110 buildings which are pending, 70 buildings relate to execution by Fisheries Department work on these hostels were held up due to unearthing of a scam in the department in 2008. These relate to 2002-03 to 2007-08. These works could not be taken up since Revised Administrative Sanction and additional funds of Rs.2347.52 Crores are required. Government has been requested to issue necessary orders in the matter vide this Office vide this Office Lr.Rc.No.D2/5691/2010, dt.24.7.2010.

40 Works of Hostel Buildings were taken up by APEWIDC from 2008-09, onwards and better progress could not be shown as Administrative Sanction was given in September 2009 for 19 works and 21 works were sanctioned in March, 2010 only. Recently Government have released an amount of Rs.688.35 lakhs under Centrally sponsored Scheme and an amount of Rs.782.50 lakhs under Matching State Share for completion of the above (40) buildings.

During 2011-12 an amount of Rs.12.34 Cr under State Plan & Rs.14.15 Cr is provided.

10. SAMKSHEMA BATA

The Programme was started during the year 2008 to provide better infrastructure and amenities to the hostel boarders. Administrative sanction was issued for 1099 works, of which 772 works have been completed and 327 works are in progress to the value of Rs.55.80 Crore. Government has released an amount of Rs.37.19 Crore up to now for the works which have been completed. Still an amount of Rs.18.60 Crore is required to meet the demand from the executing agencies. The Government have provided the budget of Rs.14.27 Crore under Samkshema Bata for 2010-11, Rs.3.56 Crore was released towards 1st quarter.

11. SUBSIDY TO BACKWARD CLASSES ADVOCATES

In order to assist the Backward Class advocates and to enable them to improve their performance and settle them in their profession, the Backward Classes Welfare Department is imparting training to BC Advocates in "Administration of Justice".

Under the scheme, the following assistance is provided to each candidate during the training period of 3 years.

1. Enrolment fee of Rs.585/-
2. An amount of Rs.3,000/- towards purchase of books and furniture.
3. A stipend of Rs.500/- per month for 3 years.

125 BC Advocates benefited with Rs.4.99 Lakhs in 2009-10.

Budget allocation for 2010-11 is Rs.20.00 Lakhs and Rs.10.00 Lakhs released so far and Budget allocation for 2011-12 is Rs.20.00 Lakhs .

12. THIRTEENTH FINANCE COMMISSION GRANTS

For providing better infrastructure and promoting better education among BC boarders Government provided an amount of Rs.1.00 Crore during the year 2011-12 for maintenance of BC Welfare Hostel Buildings.

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ANNEXURE

**STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF SANCTION FROM THE
YEAR 2008-2009 TO 2010-2011**

S. No.	Schemes	Expenditure up to 31.3.2009 for 2008-2009 cases	Expenditure on backlog cases from 2008-2010 budget	Total Expenditure for the year 2008-09	Total No. of students covered	Expenditure upto 31.3.2010 for 2009-10 cases	Expenditure on backlog cases from 2010-11 budget	Total Expenditure for the year 2009-10	Total No. of students covered	Total No. of students applied	Budget released for 2010-11 sanctions	Additional amount required to cover all the eligible students of 2010-11	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	BC-PMS	335.70 Cr.	61.16 Cr.	396.86 Cr.	11.35 lakh	180.47 Cr.	297.95 Cr.	478.42 Cr.	12.80 lakh	13.91 lakh	195.66 Cr.	158.03 Cr.	All the eligible left over students of 2010-2011 will be covered from the budget of 2011-2012 on saturation basis as was done in earlier years orders are awaited.
2	BC-RTF	459.10 Cr.	175.63 Cr.	635.73 Cr.	11.35 lakh	287.23 Cr.	752.68 Cr.	1039.91 Cr.	12.80 lakh	13.91 lakh	292.00 Cr.	971.76 Cr.	
3	EBC-RTF	-	-	-	-	186.48 Cr.	311.17 Cr.	497.65 Cr.	2.30 lakh	2.86 lakh	150.00 Cr.	468.12 Cr.	

I. Status notes on schemes implemented through A.P.Backward Classes Cooperative Finance Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad and (7) Federations functioning under the control of B.C.Welfare Department

1. Brief particulars of the schemes being implemented.

A. Schemes implemented through Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Cooperative Finance Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad.

Sl No .	Scheme	Applicable to	Subsidy (upto a maximum of) in Rs.	Bank Loan in Rs.	Benef. Contri. In Rs.	Total
1.	Margin Money Scheme	B.Cs of Rural and Urban Areas	30000 (50% of the unit cost)	24000 (40% of the unit cost)	6000 (10% of the unit cost)	60000
2.	Rajiv Abhyudaya Yojana	B.Cs of Urban Areas	- do -			

Wherever, the unit cost is more than Rs.60,000/-, the amount over and above is also met in the form of Bank Credit. Though the subsidy is allowed upto a maximum of Rs.30,000/- per family, on an average a subsidy of Rs.10,000/- and Rs.20,000/- is being provided to each family under Margin Money and Rajiv Abhyudaya Yojana schemes respectively so as to cover more number of families.

B. Schemes implemented through all (7) Federations.

Only one scheme by name Financial Assistance Scheme is being implemented for the benefit of individual members of respective communities. Under the scheme, 50% of the unit cost (Rs.75,000/-) is provided as Subsidy, 40% of the cost (Rs.60,000/-) is provided in the form of credit from Banks and the remaining 10% (Rs.15,000/-) is met as Beneficiary Contribution. It is the assistance given to a society as a whole consisting of 15 members of the specific community.

Besides, the scheme of the Construction of Dhobighats is being implemented through A.P.Washermen Cooperative Societies Federation

Ltd., Hyderabad. The unit cost per Dhobighat is Rs.2.00 lakhs comprising Rs.1.80 lakhs (90% of the unit cost) given as Subsidy from the fund released by the Government and the remaining 10% (Rs.20,000/-) of the unit cost borne by the community.

2. Budget Estimates, Releases and Expenditure for the year 2009-10 and 2010-11.

A. Pertaining to schemes implemented through Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Cooperative Finance Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad

(Rs. in Lakhs)

(RS. in Lakhs)							
Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Financial year 2009-10			Financial year 2010-11		
		Revised Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure	Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure
	PLAN SCHEMES						
1	Margin Money	125.00	125.00	125.00	250.00	125.00	125.00
2	Rajiv Abhyudaya Yojana	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00
	Total:-	625.00	625.00	625.00	750.00	375.00	375.00

B. Pertaining to schemes implemented through (7) Federations.

(i) Through A.P.Washermen Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No .	Name of the scheme	Financial year 2009-10			Financial year 2010-11		
		Revised Budget Estimates	Releas es	Expenditu re	Budget Estim ates	Releas es	Expenditu re
	PLAN SCHEMES						
1	Financial Assistance Scheme	12.50	12.50	12.50	25.00	25.00	18.75
2	Communit y Services (Dhobighat s)	12.50	12.50	12.50	25.00	0.00	0.00
	Total:-	25.00	25.00	25.00	50.00	25.00	18.75

(ii) A.P.Nayee Brahmins Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No .	Name of the scheme	Financial year 2009-10			Financial year 2010-11		
		Revised Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure	Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure
PLAN SCHEMES							
1	Financial Assistance Scheme	12.50	12.50	12.50	25.00	25.00	18.75

(iii) A.P.Vaddera Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No .	Name of the scheme	Financial year 2009-10			Financial year 2010-11		
		Revised Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure	Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure
	PLAN SCHEMES						
1	Financial Assistance Scheme	12.50	12.50	12.50	25.00	25.00	12.50

(iv) A.P.Sagara (Uppara) Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Financial year 2009-10			Financial year 2010-11		
		Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure	Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure
PLAN SCHEMES							
1	Financial Assistance Scheme	The Federation was sanctioned in the year 2009 and no Bye-laws were approved by 2009 and budget was allotted during the year.			25.00	18.75	0.00

(v) A.P.Valmiki/Boya Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad

(Rs. in Lakhs)

		Financial year 2009-10	Financial year 2010-11
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Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure	Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure
PLAN SCHEMES							
1	Financial Assistance Scheme	The Federation was sanctioned in the year 2009 and no Bye-laws were approved by 2009 and budget was allotted during the year.			25.00	18.75	0.00

(vi) A.P.Krishna Balija, Poosala Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No .	Name of the scheme	Financial year 2009-10			Financial year 2010-11		
		Budget Estimates	Releas es	Expenditu re	Budget Estimate s	Releas es	Expenditu re
PLAN SCHEMES							
1	Financial Assistanc e Scheme	The Federation was sanctioned in the year 2009 and no Bye-laws were approved by 2009 and budget was allotted during the year.			25.00	18.75	0.00

(vii) A.P.Bhatraju Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No .	Name of the scheme	Financial year 2009-10			Financial year 2010-11		
		Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure	Budget Estimates	Releases	Expenditure
PLAN SCHEMES							
1	Financial Assistance Scheme	The Federation was sanctioned in the year 2009 and no Bye-laws were approved by 2009 and budget was allotted during the year.			25.00	18.75	0.00

In case of A.P.Sagara (Uppara) Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad, A.P.Krishna Balija, Poosala Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad, A.P.Valmiki/Boya Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad and A.P.Bhatraju Cooperative Societies Federation Ltd., Hyderabad, they are newly constituted Federations and societies are under formation. Hence, so far no expenditure is incurred.

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